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Sponsor:

Council Member Potter

Wilmington, Delaware January 19, 2012 February 2, 2012

WHEREAS, the rate of gun crimes in the City of Wilmington has risen steadily over the years; and

WHEREAS, many cases with victims of gun crimes remain open and unsolved, particularly without the aid of community members in reporting shootings as they occur; and

WHEREAS, gunshot location systems work to detect and locate gunfire in urban areas through optical and acoustical sensors; and

WHEREAS, gunshot location systems allow police dispatch centers to immediately send law enforcement to the exact location of a gun that's been fired, even with no calls to 911, since the system provides the precise location along with the number of rounds fired to dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, gunshot location systems increase rates of arrest and deter gun crime, and have been proven effective in urban centers such as Washington, D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY **OF WILMINGTON**, that the City Council encourages the City of Wilmington, New Castle County and the State of Delaware to provide funding for a gunshot location system to be installed in the City of Wilmington.

Approved as to form this 13 day of January, 2012

City Solicitor

Passed by City Council,

January 19, 2012 - Feb. 2, 2012

ATTEST: YY\Q